Suspend the Rules and Pass the Bill, H.R. 3525, With an Amendment

(The amendment strikes all after the enacting clause and inserts a new text)

116TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 3525

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 27, 2019

Ms. UNDERWOOD introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Homeland Security

A BILL

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1 Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-
2 tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,
3 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.
4 This Act may be cited as the “U.S. Border Patrol
5 Medical Screening Standards Act”.
SEC. 2. RESEARCH REGARDING PROVISION OF MEDICAL SCREENING OF INDIVIDUALS INTERDICTED BY U.S. CUSTOMS AND BORDER PROTECTION BETWEEN PORTS OF ENTRY.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than one year after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Homeland Security, acting through the Under Secretary for Science and Technology of the Department of Homeland Security, in coordination with the Commissioner of U.S. Customs and Border Protection and the Chief Medical Officer of the Department, shall research innovative approaches to address capability gaps regarding the provision of comprehensive medical screening of individuals, particularly children, pregnant women, the elderly, and other vulnerable populations, interdicted by U.S. Customs and Border Protection between ports of entry and issue to the Secretary recommendations for any necessary corrective actions.

(b) CONSULTATION.—In carrying out the research required under subsection (a), the Under Secretary for Science and Technology of the Department of Homeland Security shall consult with appropriate national professional associations with expertise and non-governmental experts in emergency, nursing, and other medical care, including pediatric care.
(c) REPORT.—The Secretary of Homeland Security shall submit to the Committee on Homeland Security of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs of the Senate a report containing the recommendations referred to in subsection (a), together with information relating to what actions, if any, the Secretary plans to take in response to such recommendations.

SEC. 3. ELECTRONIC HEALTH RECORDS IMPLEMENTATION.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 30 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Chief Information Officer of the Department of Homeland Security, in coordination with the Chief Medical Officer of the Department, shall establish within the Department an electronic health record system that can be accessed by all departmental components operating along the borders of the United States for individuals in the custody of such components.

(b) ASSESSMENT.—Not later than 120 days after the implementation of the electronic health records system, the Chief Information Officer, in coordination with the Chief Medical Officer, shall conduct an assessment of such system to determine system capacity for improvement and interoperability.